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Reply to Restriction Requirement of 10-04-2007
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Appl. No. : 10/537,602 Confirmation No. 4944
Applicants : Toru TORII et al.
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Title : Process for Microchannel Production of Colored Spherical Grain and Microchannel Production Apparatus for Use Therein
Art Unit : 1713
Examiner : Kelechi Chidi Egwim
Customer No. : 28289

ELECTION

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2007, in which a shortened statutory period for reply was set for one month. Since November 4, 2007 fell on a Sunday, this response is timely filed on Monday, November 5, 2007. The Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §§121 as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-7 and 13-17, drawn to a process for preparing colored spherical polymer particles;

Group II: Claims 8 and 10-12, drawn to an apparatus for producing colored spherical polymer particles; and

Group III: Claims 9 and 18-20, drawn to a different apparatus for producing colored spherical polymer particles.

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Applicants hereby elect for further prosecution the invention of Group I including claims 1-7 and 13-17.

Applicants reserve their right to file at a later time a divisional application directed to the non-elected claims. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b), there is no change in inventorship as a result of this election.

Respectfully submitted,
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